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TAGS ELAB, SHUM, AR (SMITH, OSCAR)
SUBJECT LABOR MINISTER REPLIES TO AFL CIO TELEGRAM

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1652

1. AS A FOOTNOTE TO REFTEL AND IN VIEW OF
DEPARTMENTS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
INFORMATION--INCLUDING UNEVALUATED RUMORS--
WE PICK UP CONCERNING LABOR DISAPPEARANCES,
ON EMBASSY CONTACT WHOSE REPORTING HAS
BEEN OF VARYING RELIABILITY HAS STUCK ALL
ALONG TO THE FOLLOWING STORY CONCERNING
MISSING LIGHT AND POWER LEADER OSCAR SMITHS
WHEREABOUTS: OUR SOURCE HAS CLAIMED HE HEARD
FROM ARMY SECURITY OPERATIVES THAT SMITH WAS
BEING KEPT ALIVE FOR UNKNOWN PURPOSES IN THE
ARMY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL AT CAMPO DE MAYO. HE
MISTAKENLY HAS REFERRED TO THAT INSTITUTION AS
THE "GENERAL LEMOS SCHOOL", (THE GENERAL LEMOS
SCHOOL AT CAMPO DE MAYO IS A COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT SCHOOL.)

2. EMBASSY COMPONENTS HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION
WHICH WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT THIS REPORT. AS WE
POINTED OUT IN REFTEL, MOST TRADE UNION OBSERVERS
BELIEVE SMITH IS DEAD. THE EMBASSY CONTACT MENTIONED IN
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PARA (1) IS ALSO THE SOURCE OF OUR INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE 19 CERAMICS WORKERS ALLEGEDLY KILLED NOVEMBER 1977
IN CAMPO DE MAYO (BUENOS AIRES 2677) AND HE IS THE SAME
INDIVIDUAL WHOSE WARNING TO AIFLD REGIONAL ADVISOR JULIO
ETCHEVERRY PROMPTED DEPARTMENTS INQUIRY REGARDING
LATTERS SAFETY (STATE 94144).

3. DAO IS NOT AWARE OF ANY PRISONERS BEING HELD
EITHER AT COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL OR GENERAL LEMOS SCHOOL.
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